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Addendum

World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

1. At its 11th meeting, on 21 March 2016, the Commission considered agenda item 7, which read as follows: "World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission".

2. For its consideration of agenda item 7, the Commission had before it the following:

(a) Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2016/5);

(b) Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2016/10).

3. An introductory presentation was made by a representative of the Implementation Support Section of the Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch of UNODC. A statement was made by the Secretary of the Commission.

4. Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Spain, Mexico, India, Canada, the Russian Federation [...].

5. Statements were also made by the observers for Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Egypt, Iraq [...].

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A. Deliberations

6. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East. The observer for Algeria, the representative of Belgium and the observer for the United Arab Emirates reported on the outcomes of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, the Eleventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, and the fiftieth session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, respectively, on behalf of the Chairs of those meetings.

7. Reference was made to the importance of focusing on the practical suggestions and operational outcomes emanating from those meetings, the significance of the meetings as effective mechanisms for multilateral action for law enforcement bodies in countering drug trafficking and the opportunity they presented to learn about the results and outcomes of different approaches to the world drug problem.

8. The need for a comprehensive, balanced and integrated approach to the drug problem was stressed. In that regard, the importance of enhancing international cooperation, including mutual legal assistance and extradition, as well as, where possible, harmonizing laws across countries, was highlighted. Reference was made to the need for a balanced approach to supply and demand reduction policies and to the importance of closer cooperation between the justice and health sectors.

9. The need to build the capacities of States to tackle the drug problem was noted, as was the need to focus on providing assistance to States that had borne the direct effects of illicit crop cultivation and the illicit manufacture, transit, trafficking, distribution and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

10. States that were producing precursor chemicals were called upon to prevent the diversion of such chemicals into the illicit manufacture of drugs, and the need for international cooperation in that regard was noted. Reference was made to the establishment by drug traffickers of new trafficking routes in order to avoid monitoring, widen their customer base and identify profitable new markets.

11. Successes such as the development of forensic analysis to dismantle trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants, existing regional cooperation initiatives and cooperation between States in money-laundering investigations and asset recovery were noted. Reference was made to article 17 of the 1988 Convention, which was considered an important tool for disrupting trafficking by sea; it was suggested by one speaker that its application be monitored, that analyses and studies be conducted and the topic be revisited in detail during working groups at future meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

12. One speaker proposed that the Commission should consider reviewing, at its next session, the functioning of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies to promote greater regional coordination on drug control and public health control efforts in all regions. One speaker noted that, at future meetings of the subsidiary bodies, priority should be given to human rights, security and development, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. One speaker noted that any proposals to extend the area of competence of the

meetings of the subsidiary bodies and the advisability of such a decision should be carefully reviewed, as those meetings had not fully exhausted their potential as outlined in their initial mandates from the Economic and Social Council.

B. Action taken by the Commission

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